

Proposal A18 (Charter Commission)

Ballot Question

Shall the Charter Commission, which is currently formed every ten years to study and review the operations of county government and propose amendments to the Charter, instead be established for a period of ten years beginning in 2007 and ending in 2017, and thereafter, revert to being formed every ten years?

Charter Amendment

“Section 24.03. Charter Review. [Five years after the adoption of the charter and at ten year intervals thereafter, the] The mayor with the approval of the council shall appoint, with appropriate staffing, a charter commission composed of seven members who shall serve in accordance with Section 23.02C of this Charter to study and review the operation of the county government under this charter for a period of ten years commencing in 2007. Thereafter, the mayor with the approval of the council shall appoint a charter commission at ten year intervals. In the event the commission deems changes are necessary or desirable, the commission may propose amendments to the existing charter or draft a new charter which shall be submitted to the county clerk. The county clerk shall provide for the submission of such amendments or new charter to the voters at any general or special election as may be determined by the commission. The commission shall publish not less than thirty (30) days before any election at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county the entire text of the amendments or new charter.”

(Material to be deleted is bracketed; new material is underlined)

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